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1. During the last days of March 1953, Soviet troops were daily seen marching out of the barracks installations in Cottbus for summer camps in the woods. The woods near Lieberose and Weisswasser are again occupied to capacity by Soviet troops. ¹ At 10 a.m. on 25 March, 18 trucks towing AT guns, 6 trucks mounting machine guns, 5 trucks with troops and materiel

 moved out of the Fun-ker Kaserne, Cottbus, toward Weisswasser. ²

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2. On 23 March, the Alvensleben Kaserne quartered only a rear unit. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The quarters were 40 percent lighted at dusk. Several soldiers engaged in maintenance duty on motor vehicles in the barracks yard. There was almost no activity in the Hermann Loens Kaserne on 23 March. troops to have moved out. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. ¹

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3. During the time from 29 to 30 March, 6 JS-2 tanks 6 x 57-mm AT guns and 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were detained at the Weisswasser railroad station. They had come from the direction of Nochten

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 The unit moved toward Nochten upon unloading. About 20 large tents were seen on the infantry training site. Groups of up to 10 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced machine gun firing. Tank firing was daily heard from the tank firing range. ¹

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4. On 24 March, 40 new, 3-axle armored personnel carriers drove from the Grimma railroad station to the Strassburg Kaserne. On 27 March, 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with gas masks drove by truck from the Otterwisch troop training grounds to the Strassburg Kaserne. On 29 March, 3 T-34 tanks drove from the Strassburg Kaserne to the Otterwisch troop training grounds. Engineer troops engaged in bridge construction south of Grimma. From 24 to 29 March, patrols wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia performed guard duty in front of the western section of the Elsner Kaserne. ³

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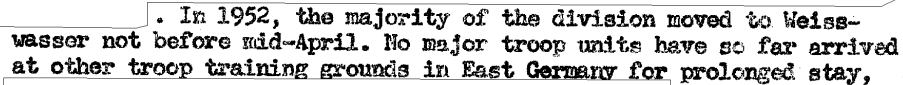
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1. Comment. 
. In 1952, the majority of the division moved to Weiss-
wasser not before mid-April. No major troop units have so far arrived
at other troop training grounds in East Germany for prolonged stay,

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3. Comment. The report indicates that the 21st Gds Mecz Regt and
the 133d Gds Engr Bn of the 8th Gds Mecz Div were still at the post
by the end of March 1953.

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